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Original Poetry.

SONG OF THE PESTILENCE.

WRITTEN FOR THE UNITED STATES SATURDAY POST, BY T. HUMPSTEAD.

Over valley, over mountain,
Over castle grey,
Over fruitful, over fountain,
Lies my weary way!
At my coming hearts fall fainting,
Of the gathered throng
Silence in pale corruption paints,
As I flit along.

Never lip with lavishy beaming,
Smiled to see me pass;
Youth of spring and roses dreaming,
Cried, "Alas, alas!
I have seen the monarch sleeping,
With the rifle and sword,
I have seen the lizard creeping,
Where the song hath been.

I have heard the clanger weighing,
Where the prisoner broke!
I have seen the shrine decaying,
Where the pilgrim bowed!
Beauty not beside her lover,
By a child's cradle,
And her bloom not 'a passed away,
Faded like a flower.

I have heard the pitiful howling,
Where the timbrel rang;
I have seen the ancient scowling,
Where the coyote sprang;
Yonder city lately streaming,
With a thousand lights,
Arch and lane, and pillar beaming,
On the dancers' sights,

As I passed her o'er, grew lonely,
As the "Nightly" share,
Now a mockery, and mouldy,
Of the days of yore.
Yonder castle wall and lofty,
Quelled the cannon shower,
Let midnight's silence softly,
Spoiled her of her power.

Where shall end my wanderings weary?
Where the sun sets?
Where shall fade my grasses weary?
Where the waves dry?
Grey ravine, over mountain,
Grey valley, grey,
Green desert, pool and fountain,
Lies my weary way.

Zoe. Gaffney, Kansas.

Original Tales.

GABLE END FARM.

CONTINUED.

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CHAPTER II.

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THE POST OFFICE.

The new Post Office Law went into operation on Tuesday. We have more than once published the main provisions, and presume our readers are sufficiently acquainted with them. But as a matter of convenience to the residents in the towns within thirty miles of this city, we again insert the following list of places, in which newspapers published in Philadelphia, may be received free of postage. Our friends will find this such a material reduction in the expense of the Post, that we count on doubling our list, at least, in the town named below.

	PENNSYLVANIA		
Abington	Harmony	Pleasant Valley	
Attleboro	Hartsville	Richboro	
Bensalem	Hatboro	Rockhill	
Bethany Hill	Hilltown	Sellersville	
Bridesburg	Hillsboro	Spring Brook	
Bridgewater	Holland	Spring Mill	
Bristol	Horsham	Keyser's Point	
Buckingham	Jamison	Tullytown	
Bunker Hill	Jeffersonville	Schwenck's Store	
Bustleton	Jenkintown	Upper Dublin	
Byberry	Kingsessing	Upper Merion	
Centreville	Kingsessing	Warminster	
Chestnut Hill	Kingsessing	Warrington	
Chester	King of Prussia	Sacred Heron	
Coatesville	Lafayette	Wissahickon	
Conshohocken	Langhorne	Wyncote	
Cornwells	Lansdale	Spread Eagle	
Crosswicks Hill	Lima	Spring Garden	
Danboro	Lima	Spring House	
Darby	Limerick	Spring Mill	
Doylestown	Line Lexington	Taggart	
Dresher	Lower Merion	Upper Darby	
Dublin	Marcus Hook	Upper Dublin	
Dullington	Marcus Hook	Upper Merion	
Dublin	Merchantville	Upper Dublin	
Edgemont	Mechanicville	Upper Merion	
Fair Hill Schuylkill	Middletown	West Fingo	
Falls	Montgomeryville	Village Green	
Frankfordville	Moorestown	Warrington	
Fox Chase	Nether Providence	West Chester	
Francisville	Newark	West Haverford	
Francisville	Newportville	West Philadel.	
Germantown	Newtown	Wilmington	
Germantown	Norristown	Whitehall	
Germantown	Norristown	White Marsh	
Gibbon's Tavern	Penn's Manor	Willow Grove	
Gum Tree	Farmer's X Roads	Worcester	
Haddington	Penn's Neck	Yardley	
Hatboro	Penn's Grove	Thornbury	
Harmonville			

	NEW JERSEY	
Arnies	Gloucester	Penn's Grove
Bordentown	Good Intent	Pemberton
Burlington	Greenwich	Princeton
Camden	Harrisonville	Raccoon
Carpenter's Lane	Haddonfield	Salem
ding	Jobstown	Swedesboro
Cedar Landing	Kingsessing	Springfield
Clarksville	Medford	Springfield, W
Charleston	Malaga	Woodbury
Columbus	Mantua	Woodbury
Evesham	Moorestown	Woodbury
Frankfordville	Mount Holly	Woodstown
Gloucester Furnace	Mullica Hill	
	Pedrickstown	
	DELAWARE	
Wilmington	Centreville	

OUR WEEKLY GOSSIP.

Never was a suggestion better remembered and observed than that of the revolutionary patriot, who said that the fourth of July should be commemorated with the horns of artillery and all possible tokens of rejoicing. It is the one day in the year on which parties forget their divisions, and men of all political creeds recognize each other by the common and glorious name of countrymen. It is a season which presents the highest attitude in which whose hands are the destinies of nations—a day on which the patriot remembers those brave and disinterested men who were the instruments of the political redemption of the country. And are their successors forgotten? We have come later upon the stage, and maintained the integrity of the glorious heritage which was bequeathed to this people by the heroes and sages of seventy-six.

A time to remember the past, it is a fitting season to look forward to the future. Remembering what has been accomplished, there is no unreasonable nor presumptuous vanity in counting on a future destiny for that great republic, in the true glory of which all pan. national glory shall grow dim. In the peaceful victories which the ensuing year progress of this country are to win by their influence and example, there will be no brawback in the wailful widows and the tears shed for the orphans. The United States came into the ranks of the nations as the great apostle of peace. The history of the people has demonstrated that the true policy of a nation is peace —and that the substantial prosperity and true glory of a nation are based on the abundance of aggression and violence. The centenary of American Independence, now only some thirty years distant, will look back upon the proudest century in the annals of any nation.

Between the past and the future, we are wanted to be particularly mindful of the present. The only male to secure to our child down the privileges that we have derived from the past, is so to fulfill our duties that when we are looked back upon, it may be as upon men who were worthy to stand in so glorious a line as Providence has ordained for us.

These thoughts may appear trite and common-place. But the very words of this question suggest the danger to which we are main ly liable as a people—the danger that our peace and security may lead to an undue confidence, and cause us low an appreciation of the many blessings which we enjoy—not political, merely, but moral and religious. If the reader would contrast our condition with that of other lands, we refer him to the not overwrought picture, by Dickens, of the degraded state of the rural population of England. It will be found in another column of this day's paper; and is the only one of the many startling pictures drawn made by modern British writers, about the internal state of that over-peopled land.

Here we have "magic effects and verge enough," and with the slightest feeling of incongruence from straightened quarters, our population takes the first step on, and, in the land the unoccupied West. Thus ware alter ware will roll onward, until the two oceans shall be the boundaries of a republic, limited only by the limits of the continent, and the old world, in the last stages of the decrepitude of its time honored rules, will increase new light and life from Young America.

QUITE A TAKE-IN.

The New York papers state that as Mr. John Osborn, of Brooklyn, was crossing the Catharine Ferry, on Wednesday evening week, between 8 and 9 o'clock, she took her seat in the cabin and a young man who held an infant about three weeks old in his arms came up. The child commenced crying, and one of the two good natured, Mrs. O'H. took it, quieted its wailings, and returned it to the young man. As the boat neared the slip the child re commenced crying, when the man requested the lady to hold it until he could find its mother. The lady did so, and waited a full hour for him to return; but has seen no signs of him since. She then took the child home with her, leaving her address at the ferry.

CAPE MAY.

The accommodations at Cape May are, it is stated, now sufficient for three thousand five hundred persons, having been increased one-fifth since the last season. The hotels are already filling up, and the summer pleasure city promises to have all the bustle and life which give watering places their charm. Cape May is so readily accessible from this city that it will always be the favorite bathing place for Philadelphians.

PROFANITY.

It is stated in the papers that there are no oaths in the Choctaw tongue. When an Indian wishes to be profane, he borrows the English expressions, which are the worst and most hideous in use.

To the above two or three lines we are indebted to add some facts and comments,—the former picked up by personal observation, in the old world and new. We have heard intelligent children of British parents, but foreigners repeating the most filthy, obscene and horrid oaths and imprecations; altogether unaware of their terrible or filthy meaning, and supposing, from their frequent recurrence in the mouths of such North Americans and Europeans as they chanced to associate with, that these words, so frequently recurring, must be pleasant figures of speech. And we have heard the filthy and abandoned among their wives, rolling out the same disgusting language, unaware also of its precise import, but sensible that the English they affected was banned, was unsuitable to their months and condition.

We have heard a Russian official, when his dignity was touched, assert to another that "my army in Flanders," but in the most hideously disjointed and incoherent manner, in defiance of all grammar, meaning and common sense. And the fellow was planning himself upon his eloquent indignation, and wondering what was the badness in his speech that the bystanders laughed.

In the West Indies, and at different ports on the continent of Europe—where intercourse with Britons and North Americans had accustomed the people of the lower ranks to hear the English language spoken, we have heard this disgusting testimony to the foul-mouthed propensities of our countrymen and consider the whole.

Nor is the matter of recent growth only. So long ago as the time of Isaac D'Aro, we find the English reckoned in accordance with this habit. The Maid of Orleans designated her foes as the "*goddams from me-up-to*." We have we Americans failed to inherit this title, let the title to Oregon be in whose hands it may.

It is really painful to pass in the street, the knots of youngsters who make the welkin ring with their blasphemy. Children scarce breeched puff foul sagit-smoke, and the foster breath of malediction against your legs as you go by. And these children, these growing up in contempt of every thing sacred and respectable—despising restraint, contemning decency, and the tenderly solicitous chastening and wallowing in the mire, are, by and bye, to be among the arbiters of the destinies of the republic.

It is impossible that this vice of foul speech can grow up with a child without tainting the whole man. It is impossible that a lad can habitually profane and obscene, and still be conscientious in other particulars. When such miserable and pernicious virginity is rolled into a sweet morsel under the tongue, you may be certain that an indreament to do wrong need not be offered twice to the tempted.

It is not saying too much to attribute the disgraceful rowdyism and violence, in which too many of our young men seek amusement, to the habit of foul and profane conversation. One vice springs naturally—we had almost said necessarily from the other. It would seem to be bothered that it is surely thus to outrage propriety, that sooner the young offenders are emboldened of that mistake, the better. Parents, guardians and masters, owe it to their consciences and their country, to endeavor to effect a reform in a matter which belongs emphatically to their jurisdiction.

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Among the names of gentlemen who have delivered, or are to deliver eulogies, we observe the following:

Hon. Andrew Stevenson, at Richmond, Va.

Gen. Benj. C. Howard in Baltimore, on Tuesday last.

Hugh A. Garland has been selected by the citizens of Petersburg, Va.; the ceremonies will take place on the 12th of July.

Hon. [illegible] the orator in Charleston.

Ex-President Houston, of Texas, probably would be requested to pronounce a eulogy upon the life and character of Andrew Jackson, at Lonisville, Ky., on the 3d of July.

Hon. Pliny Merrick, of Worcester, is to deliver the oration before the citizens of Gen. Jackson, before the Municipal authorities of Boston, on the 9th inst.

CANADA.

It is stated in the correspondence of a Richmond paper, that in some circles in Canada the war fever is very high. We do not doubt it. Patriotism with some people is graded entirely by what they conceive to be their interest. The 6,000 British troops in Canada would, in the event of a war, require to be quadrupled; and the fortifications, barracks and other expenses attendant upon their support, would make many fortunes for some of the Canadians. There are those who would fire a city to obtain light to pick up a penny by; and we believe those Canadians who desire war with the country are the class of people. As a dependence of the British crown, Canada would run into importance; but as the scene of a successful war, might derive profit. That is to say, the few might derive profit, and the many would bear the heavy taxes, and the dissolution, or state their avarice. The chances of speculation and temporary importance to obtain by conquest, form another class of "patriotic" inducements to desire carnage and bloodshed.

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THE DORR CASE.

The Legislature of Rhode Island have passed an act remitting the punishment and penalties to be inflicted upon those convicted of high treason against the State of Rhode Island, as defined in the Act of April 21st, 1842, releasing all prisoners, staying all prosecutions, and forbidding that any proceedings on charges dated previous to the passage of the act of amnesty. The act provides, however, that no person who has been actually sentenced, shall be restored to citizenship, unless he shall have subscribed an oath of allegiance to the State.

Under this act Mr. Dorr was liberated from prison on Saturday last, and has received a great force to testify their joy at his deliverance. He was conducted to his residence by the procession, and addresses were made to him from, and flags were hoisted; and while those most interested in his cause were exceedingly demonstrative, nothing occurred to interfere with complacency, the enlargement of a man who seems to be personally very much beloved. The idea of the entire people thought has been in part removed by copious rains, and the injury done by the untimely frosts proves less extensive than was expected.

EMIGRATION.

To the 1st of June, 7,000 emigrants had arrived at Quebec, and the government agent there had received about $5,000 had contracted for passage during the season, and nearly all from Ireland. The number expected to come to Canada and the States from the three kingdoms, is estimated by some as high as 150,000. The rest of Europe will probably send to the States 75,000 more.

THE STATE INTEREST.

It is now a "fixed fact"—so far as any fact in the future can be fixed, that the interest due on the debts of Pennsylvania will be paid on the first of August next.

PRESIDENT JONES.

The Washington papers are the usually full of a cession of hostilities between that country and Mexico until the meeting of Congress. Meanwhile he adds in the same instrument, that overtures for a treaty have been received from Mexico, on the basis of the separate existence of Texas. President Jones manifestly leans toward the manner of adjusting the matter; and the influence of British has been no doubt highly plied. The people will, however, determine the matter.

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WELL REBUKED.

We learn from the Marietta Intelligencer that at the examination of a supposed incendiary before a justice of the peace, in that town, Wall, came into the court room brandishing two large bone pistols, declaring in case he was molested he would shoot them. He was about to oversee court, witnesses, and opposing counsel, when a constable entered the room and was furnished with a small syringe, which he loaded with water to the muzzle, and presented at the head of the bone pistol advocate, and by his gesticulations intimated that the shooting irons had failed to go off, and that the syringe was a weapon of defence that wouldn't miss water, though the pistols might miss fire. The people enjoyed the joke, and Wall looked as if he would be glad to crawl into his own vest pocket. The court directed the sheriff to take his pistols from the possession of Mr. Welch, although preferring to retain his weapon, said he would give it up as directed by the court, and accordingly handed it over to the officer.

A SPLENDID OPENING.

The following opening words of Mr. Bancroft, in his eulogy pronounced on Gen. Jackson, have a patriotic thrill, which we possess neither the desire nor the power to imitate. To-day, above all days, we are in duty bound to remember the men of old.

"The men of the American Revolution are no more. The age of conquest never has passed away. The last surviving signer of the Declaration of Independence has long since gone to his rest. The last survivor of the army of Potomar, surrounded by his family and his neighbors, has died in peace. The last survivor reposes in the modest grave yard of his native town. Jefferson sleeps on the heights of his own Monticello, whence his eye overlooked the valley of Virginia. Madison, the last survivor of the men who made our constitution, lies in our own city. Soon shall we say that the heroes, in whom the image of God alone most brightly, do not live forever! They are gone! The last of the Presidents who could call America into being; they lived for these conceptions, and to share them."

A BAD HABIT.

It is stated that the consumption of opium is frightfully upon the increase in Great Britain. Eighty years since, the Duke of Cornwall, having arrived from Constantinople, brought 23 tons 3 qrs. and 12 lbs. of this deadly drug into England. In 1840 there were imported 108 tons of it had so chosen. In the event of a war, Great Britain will have abundant need of her troops in the Canadas, and will have to send five a city to obtain light to pick up a penny by; and we believe those Canadians who desire war with the country are the class of people. As a dependence of the British crown, Canada would run into importance; but as the scene of a successful war, might derive profit. That is to say, the few might derive profit, and the many would bear the heavy taxes, and the dissolution, or state their avarice. The chances of speculation and temporary importance to obtain by conquest, form another class of "patriotic" inducements to desire carnage and bloodshed.

But there are other circumstances which the fat-seeing should not forget. It is not many years since Canada was in arms, and it is said that all Canadians are not loyal subjects of Great Britain. The United States government has been repeatedly charged with that many of it had so chosen. In the event of a war, Great Britain will have abundant need of her troops in the Canadas, and will have to send five and difficulties remaining unheaded, which will "hanever war occurs between Great Britain and the United States, Canada will be the scene of some distempers to treat. The war would be not between England and the United States, but between England and all North America, except, perhaps, Mexico.

THE DORR CASE.

The Legislature of Rhode Island have passed an act remitting the punishment and penalties to be inflicted upon those convicted of high treason against the State of Rhode Island, as defined in the Act of April 21st, 1842, releasing all prisoners, staying all prosecutions, and forbidding that any proceedings on charges dated previous to the passage of the act of amnesty. The act provides, however, that no person who has been actually sentenced, shall be restored to citizenship, unless he shall have subscribed an oath of allegiance to the State.

Under this act Mr. Dorr was liberated from prison on Saturday last, and has received a great force to testify their joy at his deliverance. He was conducted to his residence by the procession, and addresses were made to him from, and flags were hoisted; and while those most interested in his cause were exceedingly demonstrative, nothing occurred to interfere with complacency, the enlargement of a man who seems to be personally very much beloved. The idea of the entire people thought has been in part removed by copious rains, and the injury done by the untimely frosts proves less extensive than was expected.

EMIGRATION.

To the 1st of June, 7,000 emigrants had arrived at Quebec, and the government agent there had received about $5,000 had contracted for passage during the season, and nearly all from Ireland. The number expected to come to Canada and the States from the three kingdoms, is estimated by some as high as 150,000. The rest of Europe will probably send to the States 75,000 more.

THE STATE INTEREST.

It is now a "fixed fact"—so far as any fact in the future can be fixed, that the interest due on the debts of Pennsylvania will be paid on the first of August next.

PITTSBURG.

We are extensively engaged in four of the hostic and enterprises of the city of Pittsburg. Under the sanivity and hearty courage of the citizens, aided by friends without, the traces of the disaster are fast passing away. The Chronicle states that about *fifteen hundred* buildings in the city and suburbs in the "burnt district." The number already completed is supposed to be something over one hundred. By next month, the entire district of the "burnt district" will be rebuilt, and in some cases with good and substantial brick buildings.

OUT OF THE WAY!

The Journal de Paris says that an operative in the Rue des Vieilles Audriettes, has invented a machine to make pins, by means of which any person possessing sufficient strength to turn a wheel, can in the course of a day finish fifty pairs of excellent shoes of every size. This story is rather tougher than sole leather.

Our Traveller.

WAYSIDE SKETCHES

Of the Old World.

NUMBER FIFTEEN.

GREAT INUNDATION—FACES IN A CROWD—CONTINUED RISE OF THE WATER—A GERMAN FIRE.

Frankfort on the Main, April 6, 1845.

Old Winter's gaiters are shut close behind us, and the sun looks down with his greatest appearance. The air, after the long cold and rain, is like that of Paradise, and the buds are opening by scores, and the trees in full time they have lost. All things are gay and bright; everybody is in motion, and I must be in motion, too, before the day is over. I commenced with yesterday in earnest, and let before night the roads were all dry and fine as if there had been a fall of rain. Wherever I have been since and planted in ground which, eight days before, was covered deep with snow!

After having lived through the longest winter here, for one hundred and fifty years, we were destined to witness the greatest flood for years, and little fewer than eight days in the three hundred years. On the 28th of March, it was ever-flooded to a high pier along the Main, and rising still higher and higher, began to come into the gates and alleys. Before night the whole back was covered, and the water began to flow through the streets and down in the Romerberg. When I went there, the next morning, it was a remarkable sight. The water was still rising, and the whole capitality had it risen, that many of the merchants had to live in the more than stores, and must suffer great damage. They were busy in the morning, could be got in the haste, and constructing passages into the houses which were surrounded. The business had ceased; in fact, no one thought of to think of buying or selling, but the city was divided to escape the danger. Along the Main it was still worse. From the meanest, it had risen seventeen feet above its usual level, and the arches of the bridge were filled nearly to the top. At the Upper-Main gate, every thing was flooded—houses, gardens, and fields, and the water lay in a large lake on the meadows above, and come down and attacked the city from behind; so that a part of the beautiful promenade by the river was under. On the other side, we could see houses standing in it up to the roof, and the dwellings in the suburbs, that lay in the valley, filling up as fast as the water would run into their second story windows. What was worse, in case of fire, through the want of water, the city of Frankfort, and a large body of men were always at work constructing slight bridges to walk over, and transplanting the fire engines where they were needed. This was all done at the expense of the city, and the greatest part of the expense was incurred in the "*per diem*" allowance to the laborers. In the Fischer-gasse, I saw a house with the water to the windows of the second floor, and the people in boats, still taking provisions to the top of the house, and a gentleman sitting in a chair, smoking out, shut up, and entirely surrounded by water. The water was still rising, and the fear was entertained that, in this respect alone, must be actually the loss in dollars. It began to fall on the first of April, and has now retired so far that many of the houses are again released, though in a bad condition.

Yesterday afternoon, as I was sitting in my room, writing, we heard all at once an explosion like a cannon in the street, followed by loud and confused screams. I looked out the window, and saw the people rushing by with goods in their arms, some wringing their hands and crying, while others were running to the engine houses. Imagining that it was nothing less than the tumbling down of one of the old houses, we ran down into the street, and found the city on all flames. The windows were bursting and flying out, and the mingled mass of smoke and flame rushed out in a dense column from each of the lower stories in the house next to us. We learned afterwards it was occasioned by the explosion of a jar of naphtha, which instantly communicated the whole room in which the jar stood, for more than escaping in time. I shall never forget the scene. The persons who had been burnt were carried out in fact, in one of the flames were beginning to touch their property. A few brothers with first came up, did almost everything, and the fire engine arrived when it was ten minutes before it began to play, and by that time the flames were coming out of the windows in front. The house next to that was fallen, and though another engine came up shortly after, it was impossible to save it could be in order, so that by the time they got fairly to work, the fire had made its way nearly through the house. The proprietor was found in bed in barrels drawn by horses, till some officer came and opened the fire plug. The last piece of the scene was the house being thoroughly burnt out; it happened to have double fire walls, which prevented the others from catching on easily.

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Casualties.

☞ On Thursday week, says the Pittsburg Chronicle, as Mr. James Albertson, accompanied by his wife and three children, one an infant, were crossing the Monongahela river to Birmingham, in a row boat owned by Mr. Shall, and being about in the ferry boat, the boat became frightened, and backed the hind wheels off the boat. Mrs. Albertson and infant had hardly got on the ferry boat, when the boat became disengaged from the gearing, precipitating the wagon and children (one 3 and the other 7 years old) into the river. Mrs. Albertson and infant were immediately jumped in after them, but did not succeed in recovering either of them.

☞ On Thursday week, while the first train of cars left the new road from Spuyt and Luther's mines at Pottsville, Dr. Luther, who was standing on one side of the cars, was thrown violently off. His head was severely cut and bruised by the fall, and for a time consussion of the brain was apprehended, but that danger has passed away. On the day previous Henry Nimbleton, a miner, working in Mr. Rensalem's mine at Pottsville, was killed by a fall of coal in one of the breasts in which he was employed.

☞ A gentleman named Brammell, residing in Louisburg, Ky., was killed by lightning a few days since, while taking shelter from a storm under a tree. The electric fluid penetrated his hat, on the back part of his head, leaving a hole about the size of an ordinary bullet, thence down the spine, and out through his shoes into the ground, cutting holes in the shoes of the appearance of shot holes. His shoes were literally torn off him.

☞ John Wilbur, Jr., of South Kingston, R. I., was instantly killed at his lumber yard at Fall River, on Monday week, while standing between two piles of boards, a few feet apart, one of which suddenly fell over and crushed him to death. He was about twenty-five years of age, and has left a wife and family.

☞ During a severe storm in Chenango County, on the 12th inst., Elder Hart, of Smithville, a clergyman of the Baptist persuasion, was struck by the lightning and killed instantly. He was returning home, and had arrived within a short distance of it.

☞ An awful accident at Rockport, Mass., on Tuesday week. While blasting rocks, a premature explosion took place, which killed on the instant death of Mr. Thomas Peach, his head being blown clear from his body. Two other persons were injured.

☞ On Monday week several persons, who were riding in a wagon near Port Carbon, were thrown upon the ground with violence, in consequence of the running away of the horses. One of them, Thomas Walton, was so injured that he soon came died.

☞ A little child at Manchester, N. H., a few days since got hold of a bunch of lucifer matches, in the absence of its mother from the room, and while playing with them they ignited, and so badly burned her that she died the next morning.

☞ The Troy Budget states that a small boy, son of Mr. Archibald of that city, went to his father's brick yard, and while looking into the mill, he lost his balance, and fell in, and in a moment his head was severed from his body.

☞ Mr. Levi Totten, of Harlington, Somerset county, New Jersey, was killed on Wednesday week, in attempting to drive a load of hay into the barn, by being squeezed beneath the beam. Aged 72.

Local Intelligence.

MAGIC CARDS.

T. B. Peterson has, among his other curious articles, the infallible method of detecting a stung ladies age, or discovering her name,—the Magi Cards. They furnish a very pleasant and pretty amusement for the little fry.

A LIST.—The Sheriff of Montgomery county, while standing in a crowd on Thursday week, looking at the procession in honor of General Jackson, had his pocket picked of a pair of silver rims "ruffles," otherwise handcuffs, if the key was not with them, we are requested to state that the light fingered gentleman can obtain it by applying at the Sheriff's office in Norristown, Pa.

☞ The following are the officers of the Methodist Episcopal Home Missionary and Tract Society, for the ensuing year:

President—Rev. William G. E. Agnew. Vice President—Joseph B. Strafford, M. D. Corresponding Secretary—William Cattell. Recording Secretary—H. B. Swift. Treasurer—T. K. Peterson. Book Agent—Joseph T. Whitecar.

ADVENT CHURCH.—The pews of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Advent, (St. York Road, will be sold and let on Monday afternoon next, between the hours of two and six, P. M.

☞ The Receipts of the Treasurer of the Pennsylvania Bible Society, in this city, from May 8th to June 12th, amounted to $1,115.

General News.

☞ The quantity of ore shipped from Boston for the East Indies last year was 1,500 tons, and been 55,000 tons, delivered on board at an average cost of $2.55 per ton, while the product of $2.78 per ton, which the profit of $1.23 per ton. The storage has erected a noble building for high, 176 feet wide, 103 feet deep, and has a triple wall, 40 feet long more than three quarters of a mile, and capable of holding 28,000 tons of ore. The stores of Kenyon, Cammett & Co., are now in the building. The establishment of a new line of steamers to Liverpool, to commence in the month of May next, is also spoken of.

☞ The Legislature has passed an act to authorize the

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☞ We have no travelling agent by the name of Winchester.

Notices of New Works.

Isolism of Adventure. *By N. P. Willis. New York, Rogers & Nichols. Philadelphia: Carter & Co., and T. B. Peterson.* This is another collection of the sketches of Mr. Willis, embracing principally his earlier writings, such as the Shanghay Papers, and having no freshness at a new head. It is a welcome if pleasant reading.

Pictorial History of the World. *By John Frost, L.L. D. Philadelphia: Robert Desilver.* No. 9 of the truly beautiful work has been laid upon our table, and fully supports the high character and promise of the opening number. Mr. Frost, and all concerned, deserve great credit for the manner in which this publication is got up.

The Record of Presidents, in a most curious work, has reached us from Boston. It will fill the believers in Ancient Magnetism with awe-struck delight, and cause heretics to shake their heads. It is for sale by *Lemuel Ayer, Blackstone, and T. B. Peterson.*

The Knickerbocker. *Locker & Co. and T. B. Peterson.* has been received for July number of the Knickerbocker, which, as usual, amply repays the reader for following it through. It is one of the best magazines in the world.

Democratic Review. *Horace Greeley & Brother.* have published the 6th number of this excellent publication—a repository of sterling merit. It will be found for sale by *Lemuel Ayer, Blackstone, and Locker & Co.*

The Illustrated Book of the Months. Harpers has reached us in parts 5 and 6. It will be found for sale by *T. B. Peterson, by Lemuel Ayer, Blackstone, and by Locker & Co.*

Penny Magazine. No. 3 of the re-publication of this work has been received by *T. B. Peterson*, and by *Locker & Co.* It is the cheapest thing of good value.

Illustrated Shakespeare. Nos. 57 and 58 of the Harpers' Illustrated Shakspeare, have been received by *T. B. Peterson, and Lemuel Ayer, Blackstone.*

FROM OUR OWN Correspondent.

FOREIGN GOSSIP.

The Queen and Theatricals—Queen's Birth Day—A Veteran Teacher—William Ladies—English Pictures—Bank of England—Manufactures—French Post Office Robbery—Russian Tragedian.

LONDON, England, June 3, 1845.

Her Majesty, Victoria, Queen of England, and her Royal Consort, Prince Albert, visited the Haymarket Theatre, a few days since, to see the performance of enjoying the acting of Mr. Buckstone, the celebrated American Comedian. The house was crowded with full dress company on the occasion, and the Royal party were highly delighted with the acting of Mr. Buckstone, especially applauding Hackett with distinguished good-will, while they laughed heartily at his inimitable drollery. *Midas*, the piece performed at the Princess's Theatre, and Forrest has picked up a pretty good "sent" for the few weeks he played in Dublin. The Queen's Birth Day was celebrated by *illuminations* with public feasts in most of the towns in the kingdom. In Astley's Amphitheatre, Prince Ivanowitz, a Russian Nobleman, performed wonderful feats on horseback with distinguished applause. Among other displays on the occasion, were some magnificent Horticultural Shows—between the Botanical Society and Sydney Smith, at the Prince

Selected Poetry.

THE EDITOR.

BY JOHN BROWN.

Sir! Sir! Sir!
From morn here till twilight glows,
He's a "former" there in his shirty room,
Away the moments fly
And the world moves with unseen die,
Moves guily on—but the world wishes
To tell, and now
No turn leaves he in the weary day,
But the man there shows his busy play,
As he turns the crank.

Think! Think! Think!
Is the mind's bright forge for ever there?
For the anvil beneath the hammer's clink!
Not so the fire that lights the brain
Of him who wears the gaiter chain,
Or makes the prose gang go;
He must flash with lighter and glow with heat,
With quill in hand his brains must beat—
But never under a blow!

Write! Write! Write!
Though *fancy* soars on a *forced* wing,
The same will her tribune celestial bring,
Not on a weary flight!
And reason's powers and memory's store
Must prove their strength, and bring to bear
Antique, sage, and new lore,
For these in the mind's crucible and pericle,
Must go to form every "leading article"
Of argument—win—smile in.

Chip! Chip! Chip!
No "challenging" shears his hand doth hold,
But those with which the correct gold,
By lawful right he'll clip!
The *top* or *gone*, for the will not fail
Of a prompt return with the "morning mail"
A faster fall of "endearment,"
And then the editor opens and skims—
Accidents—deaths—fires—murders—crimes!
As over the world he ranges!

Paste! Paste! Paste!
With a camel's hair brush, and a broken cup,
He pastes the scattered paragraphs up,
And sticks them on as haste!
The fog-horn's blast is not more clear,
Nor heaven air, they're waiting for copy now!
He says in accents solemn;
"The forms must be filled"—I soon return!"
The outside form, with scraps of prose,
The inside may be a column!"

Artificial Life.

FLORENCE PRESERVED;
OR, THE FEARFUL *FAS.*

In the solitude of his library, immersed in objective thought, and raising no vacancy, the Right Honorable the Earl of Blazenfield was reading with his head on the floor. Erect and lofty stood his Lordship, with his legs apart, and a coat-tail reposing on either arm.

How long the noble Earl's reverie might have lasted, it is as impossible as it is bootless to say. He was suddenly roused from it by a cautious tap at the door, in answer wherein he condescended to say, "Come in."

A liveried domestic noiselessly and reverently approached, bearing a letter entered note on a silver salver. The Earl of Blazenfield, with his usual deliberation, opened and read it, and then, in a stately tone, said to the menial—"Inform her Ladyship that I am at leisure." The man, with a low obeisance, withdrew.

The communication which his Lordship had thus received was from his noble Countess, who had despatched it from her boudoir to request that she might be allowed to intrude on her Lordship's privacy for a few minutes on the subject of her own affairs.

The Earl received his lady on her entrance into the library with the most dignified courtesy, politely begging her to be seated. With the usual acknowledgments, she acceded to the civil request.

"And now," said the nobleman, "may I be permitted to ask your Ladyship's pleasure?"

"Pardon me, my Lord," answered Lady Blazenfield, "the occasion which has compelled me to seek your Lordship is aught but pleasurable."

"How, my Lady?" the Earl had nearly exclaimed; but he was not certain whether she was serious or joking—or, if joking, whether or not she was taking that liberty at his expense. The expression of his surprise, therefore, was simply physiognomical.

"Lord Blazenfield," said the Countess, "we have to request your perusal of the document," and she handed him a letter. Her lips, as she spoke, were rather compressed, and her voice slightly indicated subdued emotion.

His Lordship, with a magnificent bow, received the missive; and then, with his double eye-glass, proceeded to inspect the envelope. Having done so, he observed, causing his eyes to her Ladyship—"This, I perceive, is addressed to the Lady Florence."

"To your Lordship's and my unfortunate daughter," said the Countess, coldly, but with stern emphasis. "Read it, Lord Blazenfield. The seal, you will perceive, is broken."

The Earl, resuming his eye-glass, brought it to bear upon the contents of the epistle. Its contents must have moved him powerfully; for as the first line met his gaze, a pure air actually perceptible start. As he read on, the air grew expanded, and its eyebrows rose, until they had reached the highest degree of dilatation and altitude of which they were capable consistently with the eye-glass evidently trembling on one hand, and the letter on the other, he stood, when he had done reading, and gazed upon Lady Blazenfield, whose heaving orbs met his enlarged ones, whilst a decided frown ruffled her brow of marble.

Well might the letter have agitated the lofty pair; for it began with "Dearest Papa and Mamma," and ended with "Everlastingly Yours —Alfred Bailey." Intermediate between these portions of it, there was actually a proposal of marriage!

"Where found you this, my lady?" demanded the thunderstruck peer.

In the conservatory," replied the peeress, "where I have every reason to believe it was this morning dropped, after having been the object of the most objectionable meditations."

So far was the noble Earl carried away by his feeling, that he actually gave utterance to an exclamation, two or three of those ejaculations in which ordinary persons express themselves when excited. It was awful to behold the nobleman thus amid in the latter. But suddenly a bright thought crossed his brain—if we may attribute so common an origin to such a nobleman as his lordship—and he exclaimed, "Lady Blazenfield, is it possible that this may be a hoax?"

"A hoax, my lord," replied the countess, "do you conceive that anybody could have written it seriously?"

"Is not that," said his lordship, "more probable than a supposition so derogatory as any other would be to our daughter?"

"True," assented Lady Blazenfield.

"We can decide this point at once," he saying, the earl despatched a domestic in request the attendance of Lady Florence "I do not like to charge," "this is not yet aware," continued the nobleman, "that the Duke of Dumfries has made proposals for her hand."

"We will, therefore," said Lady Blazenfield, "begin by announcing that circumstance to her."

"Her reception of that intelligence in a becoming spirit will prove that our apprehensions were unfounded, and that she is worthy."

"Truly," exclaimed the indignant countess. But here entered the Lady Florence.

"Florence," said his lordship, addressing his beautiful daughter, "I have to apprise you of a distinguished honor which has been conferred upon our family."

"You don't say so!" How, papa?" inquired the lovely Florence.

"In your person, Florence. You are to know that we are not delighted that his grace the Duke of Dumfries has formally solicited your hand."

"I wish his grace may get it," was the reply of Florence.

The earl stared considerably on hearing these words. A peculiarity in their tone seemed to puzzle him. "Very pert, Florence," said he, "you wish he may get it. So do I. The proposal of his grace does not appear to please you?"

"My lord," said Florence, "you misunderstand me."

"Hey? What! How!" ejaculated her noble father!

"I don't have the Duke of Dumfries," said the light-born, but plain-spoken young lady.

Lady Florence Blazenfield!" exclaimed the countess, with horror.

"Not have the Duke of Dumfries!" echoed the earl, as soon as he could recover his utterance. "Girl, you must take it into your pericle."

"I did enough," said the Lady Florence, "to make myself sure that my parents' reasons could be slight."

The earl felled his arms, and assumed a look of stern majesty. The countess rose from her chair, and looking it at once length surveyed her daughter from top to toe.

"Florence!" cried his nobility at length, in an awful tone, "are we to understand with the author of this production?" And he handed her the fatal letter.

She was silent and hung her head.

"I say, girl, answer!" roared the earl. His face, as he spoke, turned ghastly pale, whilst that of the countess assumed the semblance of the Gorgon.

"Who is he," demanded Lord Blazenfield, in a guttural note.

"An artist," answered Florence.

The countess positively screamed, and sank down in her chair. The earl actually swore, and his face became incarnadined.

"An artist," pleaded the daughter, "but a very, very young one. No noble-minded—and oh, so handsome!"

The noble parents yelled in concert so audibly, that it is much to be feared they were heard by some of the domestics. By a great effort they summoned their feelings; when the earl, in a tone of dreadful calmness, commanded his daughter to retire. The weeping girl obeyed.

This was too much for the earl to stand; so he sat down, and, least his forehead on his hand. The countess—must it be confessed?—actually cried. But a while the noble pair almost resembled a common couple who had just had an explosion with quite their temper. Awful must have been the sufferings which could have wrung them thus from their dignity.

Why record their incoherent expressions of lamentation?

"What!"—wildly asked the Countess at last, "what—what can have occasioned her?"

The Earl groaned. At last he replied, after a pause, and as if the idea were more than mortal conception, "I think she must be deranged."

"Let us hope she is," said the lady mother.

"No doubt of it," declared Lord Blazenfield. "At all events she must be treated as if she were."

Her ladyship assented; and they instantly sat down to concert a letter to the family physician in regard to their unfortunate child. In the meantime a footman who had been listening to the conversation through the key-hole ran and told every other man in it Florence's waiting-maid, who lost no time in retailing it, with divers embellishments relative to powder, waistcoats and loss of hair, to her young mistress.

The letter having been finished, the Earl went for it, and the Countess retired to the apartment of her daughter, to see what could be done with her. But the less said of this the better. Judge of her horror, indignation, fury! But what must have been the feelings of this unhappy child, when after a week's ineffectual pursuit of the fugitive, they received from her a letter signed "F. Bailey" in which she implored, but despaired of forgiveness; and admitted that the writer and her husband had nothing to depend upon but their own exertions. And then followed a touching appeal to parental pride in the high accomplishments—fully acknowledged —which had formed part of her education, were hinted at as contemplated sources of revenue. What in the name of wonder could the dreadful child the mean? In a few days the mystery was solved. A fashionable morning journal contained the following announcement:

"It is rumored that the *honorable* Mistress Bailey, who will shortly make her *debut* in the upper circles, is a distinguished member of the peerage. Such, at least, is the *on dit* circulated by his name. The writer may be deceived